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SUBJECT: INDOCHINESE REFUGEE BOAT CASES

REF: (A) STATE 191834, (B) TAIPEI 3734 (NOTAL)

1. POLITICAL COUNSELOR AND ACTING CONSULAR COUNSELOR
CALLED ON MOFA DIRECTOR OF CONSULAR AFFAIRS YU PENG
AUGUST 17 AND CARRIED OUT INSTRUCTIONS SET FORTH REF A.
IN CITING COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE EXPANDED THEIR INTAKE
OF REFUGEES IN REF A, PARA 3, POLCOUNS ADDITIONALLY
TOOK NOTE OF THE ROC'S CONTRIBUTION IN ASSISTING
"SEVERAL THOUSAND" INDOCHINESE REFUGEES AS MOST RECENTLY
MENTIONED IN THE AMBASSADOR'S TALK WITH FOREIGN MINISTER
SHEN ON JUNE 23 (REF B) IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISRAELI
VESSEL YUVALI.

2. YU PENG SAID THAT HE WAS AWARE OF THE ATTORNEY
GENERAL'S DECISION TO ACCEPT ADDITIONAL INDOCHINESE
REFUGEES INCLUDING BOAT CASES AND THAT HE WAS "HOPEFUL"
THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD ALLOW ANY BOAT REFUGEES WHO
ARRIVE "UNDER THEIR OWN STEAM" TO LAND ON ROC TERRITORY.
HOWEVER, HE CAREFULLY NOTED HE WOULD HAVE TO CHECK
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THIS OUT WITH HIGHER AUTHORITIES BEFORE PROVIDING US
WITH AN OFFICIAL RESPONSE. HE REGRETTED NOT BEING
ABLE TO BE MORE FORTHCOMING THAN THIS, BUT PROMISED
TO GET BACK TO US SHORTLY.

3. DIRECTOR PENG FURTHER SAID THAT HIS OFFICE CON-
TINUED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PAPER PROCESSING OF

REFUGEES IN VIETNAM WHO CLAIM RELATIVES NOW PRESENT
IN TAIWAN OR OTHER CLOSE CONNECTION WITH THE ROC AND
THAT "800 CASES" HAD BEEN APPROVED SINCE EARLY THIS
YEAR. HE DID NOT KNOW, HOWEVER, HOW MANY OF THESE
HAD ALREADY ARRIVED ON TAIWAN.

4. HE SAID HE WAS GLAD THAT THE U.S. NOW HOPED TO BE
IN A POSITION TO ACCEPT QUALIFIED APPLICANTS FROM AMONG
THE FIFTY-EIGHT BOAT REFUGEES NOW BEING CARED FOR AND
SAID THAT HE WOULD ASK THE RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES TO
MAKE A RENEWED EFFORT TO GET BETTER INFORMATION FROM
THIS GROUP THAN WE HAVE RECEIVED UP TO THE PRESENT.

5. FYI: IN MAKING POINTS OUTLINED IN PARA 4 OF
REF A, WE CORRECTED REF A'S FIGURE OF THIRTY-SEVEN
REFUGEES TO FIFTY-EIGHT BOAT CASES BASED ON OUR REPORT
IN TAIPEI 3188 WHICH LISTED ONE BOAT OF THIRTY-SEVEN
PLUS SECOND BOAT OF TWENTY REFUGEES. WE HAVE SINCE
BEEN INFORMED OF THE BIRTH OF ONE BABY FROM AMONG
THIS GROUP FOR A TOTAL OF FIFTY-EIGHT.
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